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Approval was given for Pool to rent five (5) pans (earth moving equipment) to be used in the closing of the old landfill and digging the new cell at the new landfill.

The total monthly rental cost for 3 - 11 yard capacity units, 1 - 23 yard capacity unit, and 1 - 17 yard capacity unit will be \$32,700.

No length of time for rental of the pans was specified; however, it was noted that funding would come from monies generated by the new landfill.

When asked about operators for the heavy equipment, Pool told commissioners that he would have qualified operators on the equipment even if he had to get on one himself.

Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that Pool make every effort to get all county roads open prior to the start of school.

"We need to do all we can to get these roads where school buses can go on them and pick up the children," Stephens said.

Kenneth Ball came before the commission requesting that action be taken on the Adult Day Care Center for Enterprise.

Previously, commissioners in their June 23rd meeting had voted to proceed with the preparation/negotiation of a lease agreement with the Enterprise Nursing Home Board (ENHB) on Dr. Stanley's old office building.

Ball presented commissioners with a proposed lease agreement resulting from those negotiations.

The lease agreement presented for approval, basically, was no different than what was discussed in the June meeting.

It consists of a three year lease at \$500 per month; ENHB will maintain insurance on the property; the health department will insure the contents and provide liability cover-

age; ENHB will be responsible for structural maintenance; and the Center will maintain general maintenance and the heating & cooling units.

The county will be responsible for the renovation work, including funding, needed to prepare the building for operation.

Ball reminded commissioners that the Elba Adult Day Care Center is at maximum capacity and another facility is desperately needed in Enterprise.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Bill Faulk made the motion to proceed with the signing of the lease and the necessary work to get the center in operation. It passed unanimously.

Some good news - Ball told commissioners that two additional vans would soon be placed in operation to transport adults to the centers. The vans will be paid for with funds received from the federal government.

After hearing a report on child support in Coffee County from Linda Bidelle and Bryan Morgan, the commission signed a resolution designating August as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Coffee County.

Bidelle told commissioners that, in Coffee County, there exist more than \$5,000,000 in arrears in child support payments. This is known as cases!

Morgan, who is an assistant district attorney, told commissioners that a "round-up" is planned for the county in the very near future.

We plan on having a round-up of forty hard core cases that we haven't had a payment on in years," said Morgan.

He stated that the round-up will be a cooperative effort among all law enforcement agencies within the county. Hopefully, all the cases of

non-child support payment made during this time will be brought before the courts in early September.

"Some will be sent to jail," Morgan said.

In response to Commissioner Bill Faulk's question as to when budget hearings would start, Commissioner Clerk Wilson Mobley responded, "Week after next - in two weeks."

The different department heads with the county will be invited to attend these hearings.

Other actions taken by the commissioners were as follows:

***Accepted the low bid of \$28,250.00 from Danny Stephens & Associates of Gulf Breeze, FL, for a Variable Image Transformer. The unit is to be used by the Coffee County Health Department. The Health Department will also be providing the funds for payment.

***Referred problems arising during rental of the Farm Center to the committee which oversees rental of the facility.

***Voted to send out bids for the replacement of the box culverts on Co. Rd. 105 to be opened on the 12th of September.

***Authorized Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel to sign contracts with the Soil Conservation Service in order to proceed with repairing three (3) flood damaged sites. SCS will be providing 75% of the funding for these projects.

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The Coffee County team consisting of Amanda Britt, Matthew Farris, Christa Parrish, and Charlie Schieffer, placed first in the state 4-H livestock judging competition. Coffee County had another team in the senior competition that placed seventh. That team consisted of Heath Hughes, Christa Parrish, Brandon White, and Charles Michaels. In individual awards Matthew Farris was second high individual in the state. Amanda Britt was third high individual in the state. This team will represent Alabama in the Nationals in either Richmond, Virginia, or Louisville, Kentucky.

In 4-H meat judging the senior team consisting of Charles Bozeman, Cornelius Burrows, Mark Windham and Reuben Moguel placed second in the state. The junior 4-H meat judging team consisting of Justin Hughes, Justin Campbell, Justin Lambert, Paul McMonagle, and Crystal Burrows placed first in the junior division at state.

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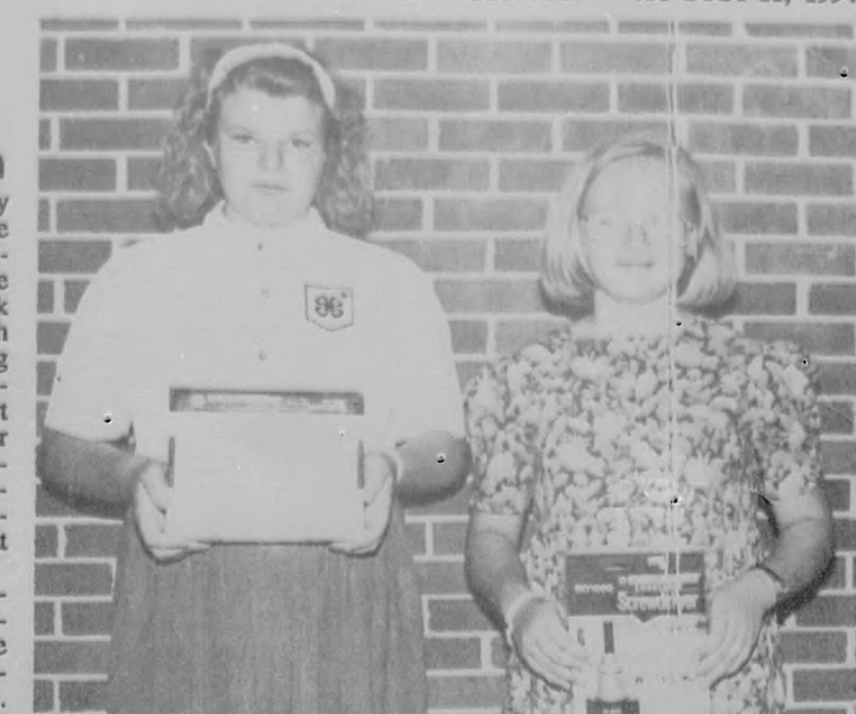
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Switching to a low-fat diet isn't as difficult as it may seem—even for many Southerners who have spent a lifetime eating fried foods. Many people have the wrong impression that low-fat diets are bland and tasteless. In fact, countless numbers of heart and diabetes patients who have been advised to cut their calories have discovered that low-fat diets can be delicious.

Some physicians now believe that people with diabetes or heart disease should first try a low-fat diet, coupled with moderate exercise. Patients should consider medication or surgery only if diet and exercise fail to work.

They believe the same policy should also apply to meals served at nursing homes, hospitals, and other facilities reimbursed by Medicaid and Medicare.

Some doctors also contend that the government should take steps to prevent people from developing diet-related diseases. They believe that all government-administered food programs—such as lunches served at prisons, schools and hospitals—ought to be low in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

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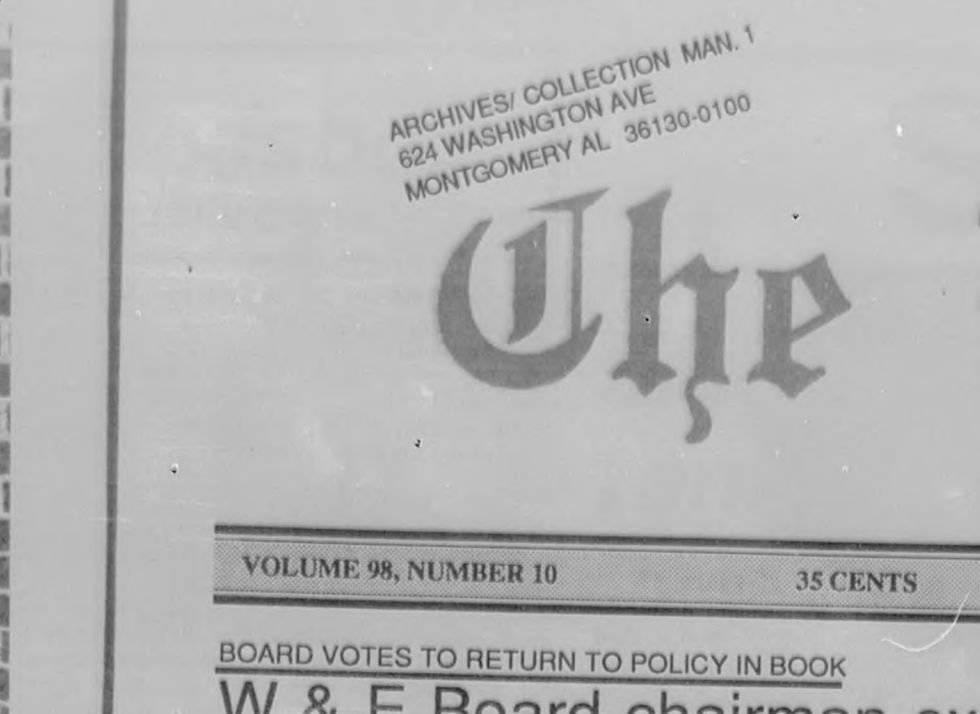
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A group in Florida has lost an effort to get casino gambling on the state ballot. They just didn't get enough names by the deadline. Florida has a law allowing citizens to vote without the legislature passing a bill first. However, it takes a bunch of signatures and must have a certain number of signatures over the numbers these folks got, but two different courts say they ain't gonna vote on casinos in Florida this year. This caused both cheering and crying. Alabama voters can get a bit of satisfaction out of knowing others have differing opinions also. It should also be noted that a special legislative session to deal with casino gambling... at least not before the November elections. We predicted that, but then it wasn't hard. All that was necessary was to watch the Governor's actions (or lack thereof) when the matter was being discussed.

We read last week that Cuba would be the next world problem. The so-called expert wrote about Castro this and Castro that, but he thinks Cuba's failure will prevail without the financial support of Russia. Before the week was out, another expert was writing that Algeria (in North Africa, on the Mediterranean) would be the next world problem, especially for European nations. This opinion was also justified by tracing developments. This time it is the fundamentalist Muslims and their early successes there plus the potential problems this would create everywhere. He predicted they would then spread to Egypt, disrupting the peace between them and Israel. Also the mass migration of moderates and foreigners would cause problems in Europe. This writer predicted this movement of people would cause political problems for those folks in Germany, France, etc. The bottom line is that either one would not be good for us as we struggle with internal problems.

A Michigan judge in a custody battle gave custody of a baby to the father. That doesn't bother us at all. However his reasons (or excuse) does bother us. It was because the mother was in college and placed the child in day care during class time. The alleged father (the couple is not and never were married) was going to leave the baby with his mother while he worked and went to junior college. The judge didn't like the day care idea. The uproar apparently got someone's attention because the day before the transfer of the child was to take place, everything was stopped. Don't know what will happen next, but we doubt the battle will ever end.

We got something right! Right after that principal in Wedowee was accused of saying a mixed race student was a "mistake" we predicted he would be out of that position. It took a while, but after the Wedowee high school burned last week, he was "promoted." We regret it took so long, because the delay only served to open some bad community wounds.

Crime still doesn't pay! The floss fugitive (the one who braided a rope from dental floss and escaped) who escaped from a West Virginia jail last month has been recaptured. The prison time didn't help, because he was captured trying to rob a drug store.

The world gets crazier and crazier. We heard recently of a homeowner who was charged with animal cruelty because he killed a rat in the garden. A plain old common R-A-T has gotten this man arrested because of a bunch of bleeding hearts. If a judge lets this go to trial, the man should demand a jury trial. Surely, out of 12 jurors, a few will have enough common sense to return a "not guilty" verdict in this case.

The latest numbers (Tuesday) from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency in Montgomery indicate a total of 2,349 families have applied from flood relief, following the July flooding across the Southeast. The deadline for applying for help is Tuesday, September 6, 1994.



IN APPRECIATION...Alvin Cordell (center) is shown above being presented a plaque in appreciation for his work with the Elba Recreation Department this summer. He assisted in organizing and conducting the baseball and softball seasons this year. The plaque reads: "In appreciation for your faithful service and dedication toward making this season successful. Presenting Cordell with the plaque is City Clerk Henry Clark. Mayor Ricky Haywood (left) was present for the presentation."

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ELBA RECEIVES FIRST CHECK...Charlie Webb (right), director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, is pictured above presenting Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood (center) with a check for \$6,077.00 from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). This is the first of hopefully many checks to be used toward Elba's recovery from July's flood. Elba City Clerk Henry Clark looks on as Webb presents Clark with the check.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 9 Thru AUGUST 15, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 9, 1994, investigated the following incidents: one breaking & entering of a vehicle; three harassing communications; two burglaries; one harassment; one domestic disturbance; and one assault.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: ten for speeding; one for driving without a license; one for reckless driving; two for driving while driver's license is suspended; and two for driver's license required.

The following arrest was made: one for assault.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 - Rescue run to Kendrick Apts. (2:01 a.m.); River stage - 5.65 feet (6:12 a.m.); Disturbance on Martin Luther King Dr. (1:243 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on the Brantley Hwy. (12:52 p.m.); Disturbance on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:25 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 - Prowler reported on Smith Ave. (12:26 a.m.); River stage - 5.40 feet (6:16 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on the Taylor Mill Road (2:50 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 - River stage - 5.15 feet (6:30 a.m.); Prowler reported at Home Care Service and Dr. Windham's office (7:49 a.m.); Disturbance at Elba Villas (11:12 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 - Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 427 (2:23 a.m.); River stage - 4.95 feet (6:13 a.m.); Wreck at SouthTrust Bank (1:54 p.m.); Fight and shots fire in Mulberry Heights Community (10:27 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 - Prowler reported at Kendrick Apts. (12:56 a.m.); River stage - 4.80 feet (6:17 a.m.); Wreck on Claxton Ave.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
ROYALTY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m. City Hall (Elba City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - 6:00 p.m. - Retiree Social Building
MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 894-5851
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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn Interregional
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CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Driscoll hangar.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Congress Moves Closer to Real World

James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers: "Congress can make no law which will not have its full operation on themselves and their friends, as well as the great mass of society."

It should be self apparent that Congress has no right to pass legislation by which it doesn't also have to abide. But abide Congress hasn't—that is until last week!

On August 10, the House of Representatives finally did the right thing and put an end to this long-practiced hypocrisy. The chamber voted 427-4 to comply with the same employment laws it has passed on the private sector. The measure now goes to the U.S. Senate where it is also expected to pass.

Unlike private sector employees and the executive branch of government, the U.S. Congress has traditionally placed itself above laws that protect the health and safety of its employees.

It has done so claiming separation of powers from the law enforcement agencies of the executive branch. But old arguments about Constitutional powers justify a flood water when it comes to basic fairness and common sense.

The American people believe that the Congress should live by the same rules and regulations it prescribes for the private sector.

Congressional employees should receive the same protections as do other employees, and more importantly, members of Congress, must run their own offices under the same confines as those in the business world. The feeling is, of course,

that Congress would think twice about imposing tough and expensive mandates on business if it too had to suffer through them. This just makes good sense.

You might be surprised to learn just how many laws Congress has managed to avoid over the years.

Under the just-passed Congressional Accountability Act, the following laws now apply to the House of Representatives: Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Federal Labor Management Relations Act, the Employee Polygraph Protection Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, and the Rehabilitation Act.

As a businessman myself, I welcome this move by the House. It is a significant step toward making Congress think and operate like the real world.

As a matter of fact, the House Freshman Republican Class, of which I am a member, first proposed this reform early last year and has continually pushed for its enactment ever since.

Such an overwhelming vote by Congress to clean up its act was not even possible a few short years ago. But times are different now.

The public has spoken, and in this case, Congress has finally learned just how powerful a force the people can really be. It will be interesting to see if Washington can survive in the real world.

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WE GET LETTERS.....

Dear Ferrin,

I believe that every citizen of Elba is aware of the deplorable financial condition of the city. Under the present administration that has been in office only two years, our city funds have gone from a surplus to the city being thousands of dollars in debt and the city employees not knowing if they will even get paid when Friday rolls around.

It was evident 3 months and certainly 6 months into this administration that Elba was destined for serious financial difficulties because even that soon almost every department was operating over budget.

The mayor has stated on more than one occasion that he has reviewed the budget and he cannot see where to make any cuts. This being the case, he should step down immediately because Elba cannot withstand 2 more years of Haywoodnomics. It would seem that having a business in Elba himself would be incentive enough for him to want to see Elba prosper. It seems, however, that the opposite is true. I don't see how any citizen of Elba who cares ANYTHING about our city could spend their hard earned money with someone who apparently cares NOTHING for the well being of our city.

What we have to ask ourselves is not how this happened, we all know the answer to that, but WHY we as citizens of Elba ALLOWED this to happen?

What would the founding fathers of Elba and our forefathers have done if a similar situation had confronted them? I can only speculate, but I think they would have DEMANDED immediate resignation. If this demand was ignored, I feel without a doubt that he would have been out of town on a rail and tarred and feathered at the city limit sign and sent back to Talladega, or wherever he was from, for a repeat course in math and economics.

Again, thanks so much for your assistance in keeping Coffee County informed on all our presentations.

CITIZENS OF ELBA PLEASE--
WAKE UP--STAND UP--SPEAK UP--AND DON'T SHUT UP UNTIL RESULTS ARE OBTAINED.

Very concerned,
James H. Blair

Dear Editor,

For the past 20 years Coffee County Arts Alliance has strived to present quality entertaining events and arts and crafts festivals. As our 21st year begins, the Coffee County Arts Alliance wishes to thank its supporters for a wonderful 1993-94 season. We are greatly indebted to Enterprise State Junior College for use of its facilities every year. We appreciate the interest of the local art teachers, the support of local clubs and the many volunteers of Coffee County who worked hard throughout the year to make things go!

We feel that the 1994-95 season is going to be one of our best! In this year we will be offering five events, followed by the 21st annual Piney Woods Arts Festival.

Again, thanks so much for your assistance in keeping Coffee County informed on all our presentations.

Sincerely,
Mary Jon Sneckenberger
President
Coffee County Arts Alliance

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a doctoral candidate in history and am at the present time doing research for my dissertation on the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama from 1915-1940. I am searching for information from former Klansmen (1920s Klan) or their relatives that would be of help in my writing.

Also, I need any newspaper articles, family papers, stories of events, etc. during this time period. No names will be used in my material unless permission is granted.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please send information or contact me at the address below.

K. J. O'Dell
P.O. Box 335
Anniston, AL 36202

Thank you.

Individuals who have not donated

Dear Editor,

I would like to express some thoughts on the services of Coffee County to its residents.

We up in the Newbia Community are often the step-children, as it were, in benefits received.

The fact that our road is still unpaved can be understood somewhat, even after it was prepared "for paving" 10 years ago. Recent flood costs have delayed it again. What is

uncomprehensible to us who pay taxes in Coffee County is why we have been informed there will be no cash cutting of grass on any roads this year. We pay Covington County for our electric, Crenshaw County for our water, what do we pay Coffee County taxes for. Surely cutting grass on our roads should be a service expected and provided.

Even garbage service is not a county provided service. Our taxes have gone up steadily as we have improved our own place.

Yours truly,
Joe D. Hodge

Blood Drive to be held in New Brockton August 21st

New Brockton Army National Guard will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, August 21, from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Armory located on Highway 84.

Your blood donation can help keep hospitals supplied with lifesaving medicine. The Red Cross simply serves as a link between people willing to donate blood and hospitals who need blood for their patients.

During the summer blood usage tends to increase as people are traveling and spending more time outside. Warm weather activities can lead to accidents that will require blood. There are also more elective surgeries scheduled during summer or vacation periods.

The donation process is a simple and safe procedure that takes approximately 45 minutes. There is also a mini-checkup to make sure your blood pressure, temperature and pulse as well as iron level are all in a safe range.

Individuals who have not donated

Driscoll participates at National Civil Air Patrol Board meeting

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Major Jim Driscoll, a resident of Elba, Alabama, participated in the 1994 Civil Air Patrol National Board meeting conducted August 11-13 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Major Driscoll, a member of the Elba Senior Squadron located at Elba, AL, was one of nearly 1,500 CAP people representing every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico attending the meeting. The National Board is the principal governing body of CAP. Civil Air Patrol members who attend participate in national-level seminars covering a variety of subjects from communications to aerospace education.

Civil Air Patrol was founded December 1, 1941. As the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, this non-profit, volunteer organization has three main mission elements of emergency services, aerospace education and a cadet program.

Civil Air Patrol membership includes more than 19,000 cadets (18 years old and younger) and approximately 34,000 adult volunteers (senior members).

Anyone wishing to join the organization or who would like more information may contact Major Driscoll at 897-3088.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 1994 from Mt. Chapel Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL, with Rev. Calvin Feagin officiating.

Burial followed in the Tyson Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include three sons, Elder Glen (Mary) Tyson and Rev. Cliff (Clady) Tyson, all of Tampa, FL; four daughters, Annie Mae Smith of Tampa, FL; Ruthie Mae Smith and Buena V. Justice of Dozier, AL; and Alice (Elbert) Freney of Dozier, AL; two sisters-in-law, Betsy Lloyd of Greenville, AL; and Alice Bird of Florida, AL; 46 grandchildren; 118 great grandchildren; 93 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 17, 1994 from New Haven Baptist Church with Rev. John William Bryan and Rev. Charlie Shields officiating.

Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Thomas of Auburnville, Florida; and Dickie Thomas of St. Cloud, FL; a daughter, Gail Petters of Winter Haven, FL; three sisters, Ollie Farris and Mavis Hataway, both of Elba, AL; and Merle Haywood of Troy, AL; a brother, James Thomas of Elba, AL; a grandson, Tommy Peeters of Auburnville, FL; two granddaughters, Tonya Pope of Polk City, FL; and Kimberly White of Jacksonville, FL; 5 great grandchildren.

AREA DEATHS

JAMES HENRY FLOWERS

James Henry Flowers, age 56 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, August 12, 1994 in a Birmingham, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 14, 1994 from Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. R. Fuller and Rev. Ben Ammon officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Juanita Flowers of Elba, AL; a daughter, Brenda Smith of Montgomery, AL; a son, Wade Flowers of Elba, AL; four sisters, Louise Bozeman of Elba, AL, Ruby Whaley of Bettendorf, Iowa, Martha Johnson of Douglasville, Georgia, and Miki Chancellor of Troy, AL; four brothers, Richard Flowers of Troy, AL, John F. Flowers and Don Flowers, both of Jack, AL, and Ted Flowers of Elba, AL; one grandchild.

BAMA LLOYD TYSON
Bama Lloyd Tyson, age 113, died Saturday, August 6, 1994 in an Opp, Alabama hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 1994 from Mt. Chapel Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL, with Rev. Calvin Feagin officiating.

Burial followed in the Tyson Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

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CHARLIE HEAD

Charlie Head, age 91 of New Brockton, Alabama, died Thursday, August 4, 1994 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 1994 from Collins Chapel AME Church of New Brockton, AL with Rev. David Bivins officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Lee Head of New Brockton, AL; three sons, Eddie Head of Enterprise, AL, Freddie Head of Clot, AL, and Hozee Head; four daughters, Irene Page of New Brockton, AL, Fannie Baldwin, Correne Andrews, and Sarah Hunter, all of Enterprise, AL; one daughter-in-law, Clara J. Hunter, both of Enterprise, AL; one sister, Essie Cole of New Brockton, AL; 20 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

JOHN LEROY THOMAS
John Leroy Thomas, age 72 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, August 13, 1994 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 17, 1994 from New Haven Baptist Church with Rev. John William Bryan and Rev. Charlie Shields officiating.

Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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Social Notes

Mr. & Mrs. Murphy Cox honored on 70th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Murphy Cox

Kendall Lavon Chappell is three years old

Kendall Lavon Chappell celebrated his 3rd birthday on June 14, 1994. Kendall is the son of Lavon and Wendy Chappell. He is the grandson of L.M. and Mavis Burch, Pete and Susan Nelson of Elba, and Charles and Patsy Barwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma. A party was given at his home with friends and family.



Kendall Lavon Chappell

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Miss Wheeler to Marry Mr. Jones September 3rd

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie F. Wheeler Jr. of Enterprise, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Fannette Zena Wheeler to Mr. Brian Keith Jones, son of Mrs. Sue D. Jones of New Brockton, AL and the late Mr. Oscar Jones of New Brockton, AL.



Mr. Jones & Miss Wheeler

Pilcher-Collins wedding planned for September 3rd

Bruiser Pilcher and Alice Pilcher of New Brockton announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn Pilcher, to Sean Michael Collins, son of Michael R. Collins of Columbus, GA.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Harry Goodyear and Frances Goodyear and the late Mr. Walter Pilcher and Robbie Pilcher, all of Enterprise, AL. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place at 6:00 p.m. on September 3, 1994 at the home of the bride, all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Notice to the class of 1979

The classes of 1979 Elba High School are in the process of planning a 15 year class reunion. We need help locating classmates that may not be in the same location as they were when we planned the 10 year reunion. If you have any information that might help us locate our classmates, please call Shannon C. Trett at 897-3494, or Beverly Tindell at 897-5944.

Auburn University to award degrees August 26th

Auburn University expects to award 1,032 degrees at its summer commencement on Friday, August 26, including the university's 129th honorary degree, which will be presented to Mobile horticulturist and Auburn benefactor Thomas H. Dodd Jr.

At the 2:30 p.m. ceremony in Beard-Edwards Memorial Coliseum, AU will confer 752 bachelor's degrees, 23 master's and specialist's degrees, 42 doctoral degrees and the honorary degree.

Local graduates include Joan C. Hobbs (Masters) and Byron F. Wallace (Bachelor), both of Elba, AL, and Sherrie K. Walker (Bachelor) of New Brockton, AL.

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Pastor's Corner

Tony Dye
Westside Baptist Church

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"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Words bombard us daily through the different media sources our society has developed to keep us informed. The constant flow of information causes us to become numb, even to the most tragic of catastrophes that occur. Until we experience such a tragedy, these occurrences seem to have very little meaning. To us, words just don't seem to have the impact that actions or experiences seem to have. It is one thing to say, but it is another thing to show. God has done both for us through His Son Jesus Christ.

God said that He loved us when His Word became flesh (John 1:1-14) and lived among us. Jesus, the God-man, is the absolute expression and testimony of God's love for you and me. His love was voiced so clearly when Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

God spoke His love for man so clearly that no one alive and breathing today has any excuse for living outside the love and forgiveness of God. Not only did God say, "I love you," God showed that He loves us. Romans 5:8 says that God "demonstrates" His love for us. This word "demonstrates" literally means "to put together." What this means is that God put together His words and His actions (sending His only begotten Son to die on the cross), to give us the full impact of His love. The greatness of this love is in the fact that God "demonstrated" His wonderful love for us while we were yet in our sin and rebellion toward Him. This great love of God is offered

to everyone, but can only be experienced and enjoyed by those who:

1. Realize that they are lost and sense their need for God's love;
2. Repent, turning from their sins to God;
3. Receive, by faith, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as their only hope of eternal life.

When a person comes into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and knows the great love that God has "demonstrated" towards him, that person will never be able to read the "Show, now that is really the greatest 'show' on earth!"

HRDC will distribute USDA surplus foods on Tuesday, August 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the following location: Enterprise, New Brockton, Elba HRDC Center behind Whitman's Drug Store, and Kinston City Hall.

Please bring a container.

NOTICE

The Coffee County Crusade '94 will be held September 11 - 16, 1994 at 7:00 p.m., at the Farm Center in New Brockton, AL. Rev. Buddy Hood will be the guest speaker.

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U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Hill performs maintenance check on Blackhawk helicopter



U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Hill performs a maintenance check on his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter prior to flying a mission in Miraflores, El Salvador. Hill, an Elba, AL native, is part of "Fuerzas Caminos," an engineer Reserve Component assistance exercise which combines U.S. active and Reserve Component soldiers and airmen with Salvadoran soldiers, engineers, and volunteers.

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by Sgt. William E. Blevins, 133rd Public Affairs Detachment Kentucky Army National Guard

Sometimes there's nothing like a helicopter ride to raise your adrenaline level, as U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Michael Hill can tell you. Take the time a storm cut short his flight from El Salvador to Honduras.

"Our fuel was running low and we couldn't fly through the storm or rise above it," the helicopter crew chief said, "so the pilot decided to take her down."

Hill's worries should have ended when the aircraft landed on a Honduran plateau above the small town of Ara Maccina, but instead he was greeted by a sight that caused him even greater alarm.

"There must have been 50 kids running up the hill to see what was going on," said Hill.

"At first I didn't know what to do," the Persian Gulf War veteran remembered. "I wasn't sure if I should stay with the helicopter or to run away."

As it turned out, the flight crew was given a warm welcome by the village residents. The mayor even made arrangements for them to stay the night.

"It's been a good cultural experience," the Elba, AL native added. His unit, Company D, 6159th Aviation Battalion, based at Fort Rucker, AL, supported Operation "Fuerzas Caminos," a joint engineer and humanitarian exercise with the government of El Salvador.

Roughly translated from Spanish as "strong roads," "Fuerzas Caminos" combined U.S. active and Reserve Component soldiers with Salvadoran engineers, soldiers, and volunteers to build schools, assembly halls, repair roads, and drill water wells throughout La Paz Province in south central El Salvador.

The exercise was coordinated by U.S. Southern Command, a unified command comprised of 10,000 U.S. Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Air Force personnel responsible for all U.S. military activities in Central and South America.

Living away from home in such austere conditions meant sacrifice. Hill missed small comforts like hot and cold running water and air conditioning. He also missed his 2 year old son.

He understands his daddy had to go to work," Hill said wistfully. "There is a mission to be accomplished in El Salvador."

But wherever U.S. soldiers go there are always children and El Salvador was no exception. Along the roads, in the villages, and at the schools, Salvadoran children waved and greeted the vehicles and eagerly greeted the soldiers driving them.

"It's rewarding (to work) with kids," said Hill. "Around here it's always nice to see them smile and say 'gracias'."

Since his graduation from Alabama-based Troy State University in 1990 with a degree in Psychology and Human Services, Hill has worked two and a half years in the counseling field. He is also a member of Psi Chi, an honor society affiliated with psychology.

What little free time he has is spent practicing karate and enjoying fishing, hunting, and hiking on the farm in Alabama.

But Central America will always hold a special place in his memories. "It's kind of funny...now whenever we fly over Ara Maccina, you can hear the villagers on the radio calling 'hola, hola, hola' (Spanish for) 'hello, hello, hello'."

He grinned broadly adding, "People are pretty much the same no matter where you are in the world."

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Views from The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We all went shopping for school supplies over the weekend, and while Kathy helped Melanie find her kindergarten supplies, I stayed with Melissa and tried to help her with her sixth grade needs. Melanie got some good stuff, such as color crayons and a not to take a nap one, and even Melissa had a little fun as she tried her best to find a dozen different looking pencils. Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems like the best parts of school are getting ready to go in August and then getting ready to get out in May.

PRE-SEASON POLLS GIVE EARLY BRAGGING RIGHTS

The various pre-season high school football polls are now out and while all the teams in the polls are glad to be there, the early polls are really nothing more than feed for the fans that love to brag about their teams. This year the Alabama Sportswriters Poll will be published weekly, as always, but will be joined by the "Coaches Poll," to be published weekly by The Montgomery Advertiser. With two polls, fans will get twice the chance to brag, or fuss, depending on where, and if, their team is ranked.

Here is a quick look at the pre-season polls and a comparison of their picks, along with my own views.

CLASS 6A - Robert E. Lee led the way in both polls, while the polls also agreed that Central, of Phenix City, Enterprise, Shades Valley and West End would make up the remainder of the top 5. The only teams not appearing in both polls were Hewitt-Trussville and Decatur. Lee has managed to put together a weaker schedule than usual and has a shot at posting a 10-0 regular season slate; however, Enterprise also has a favorable schedule and is my pick as a team to watch.

CLASS 5A - Oxford was picked to repeat in both polls, with Greenville and Etowah also ranked high. There was a difference of opinion in this class, with North Jackson being ranked 5th by the sportswriters and not even making the top 10 in the coaches poll. Athens and Fayette County also made the coaches poll, but were unranked by the sportswriters. Oxford deserves its top ranking; however, Greenville will be loaded again this season, while Bount is expecting big things and Escambia County is loaded for a run at the title. Escambia County may trip up against one of the three 6A teams on its slate, but the Blue Devils got my early nod.

CLASS 4A - Pike County and Daleville manned the top two spots in both polls, with each team being ranked #1 in one of the polls. T.R. Miller was also highly ranked, coming in at 3rd in one poll and 4th in the other, while W.S. Neal was a mild surprise with its rankings of 5th and 6th. Pike County may start the year atop the polls, but the Bulldogs will have to be mighty, mighty good to stay there very long. Pike County opens the season against 5A Valley, 6A Central of Tuscaloosa, 6A Enterprise and 5A Greenville, with the only home game being against Central of Tuscaloosa. So, by the fourth week everybody will know just how good these Bulldogs really are. My pick? I'm sticking with Joey Jones' Dora Bulldogs until someone proves me wrong.

CLASS 3A - Colbert County and Southern Choctaw are 1-2 in both polls, and while Colbert County is the defending champ and filled with tradition, Southern Choctaw is the state's answer to the Buffalo Bills, as the Indians have always won big during the regular season and then fallen flat on their faces in post-season action. This season the Indians open up against 5A Choctaw County, then challenge such powers as Leroy, Paramount, Millry and McIntosh. Yep, same old story. My team to watch is Elba, as Mack Wood puts what could be one of his best teams in years on the field.

CLASS 2A - St. Clair County won the state championship last season and went 15-0 in the process, but was ranked second in the state in both polls behind perennial power Hazlewood. Georgiana, Leroy and Hatton also drew high marks in both sets of standings, with 1A champ Brantley being ranked as high as 4th in the sportswriters poll. Brantley may be in the 2A rankings now, but after its opener against 4A Daleville, the Bulldogs will be outside looking in. I hate to agree, but if Hazlewood gets by 1A Courtland in the opening week the Bears may not lose this season.

CLASS 1A - Courtland, Notasulga, West Jefferson and Arton were ranked 1-4 in both polls, which obviously makes the teams pretty solid picks. Courtland, which always has trouble filling out a schedule, has eight games this season, including 2A Hazlewood, 6A Central of Tuscaloosa, 5A Coffee and 3A Colbert County. The extra hard schedule may put a damper on the Chiefs win-loss record, but they will still be a team to keep an eye on. My pick? Autaugaville will be tough, as will Talladega County Central.

What a team does one year doesn't have all that much an impact on what will take place another year, but it does sometimes give added publicity to teams that have been successful in the past. Once the season starts, the winners stay in the polls and the losers drop out. This too isn't all that fair, when you look at teams like Pike County, but it makes being a fan more fun and gives us something to talk about.

ON THE GRILL...ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***Well, the Dream Team II made it look easy in the World Championships last week and was head and shoulders better than any other team in the event. The big front line of Shaquille O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning, combined with the overall quickness skills of the remainder of the team, simply made Dream Team II unbeatable. I'm still not sure that putting the pro's on the court is what the international tournaments are all about; however, it's hard to argue the point when the other country's are doing the same thing.

***The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its new "Sections" last week, and while the change may create some better competition in post-season tournaments, the site change from Montgomery to Bay Minette didn't make many friends outside of West Alabama. A new site was needed to cut back on the travel for the teams from the Mobile area, but the move to Bay Minette was a little unexpected. It looks like South Alabama would have loved to host the tourney at the Civic Center, or at its on-campus gym. Change always creates problems and this one will no doubt receive much discussion.

***I finally figured out why I didn't side with the major league players on the strike. I didn't realize until they called the strike a "work stoppage" that baseball had stopped being a game and had moved into the workplace. I knew it was work for the people taking care of the field, cleaning up the bleachers and selling concessions, but I never thought the guys making an average of \$12 million were working. You know what? I still think the players and owners are both wrong and wouldn't care if the strike lasted a couple of years!

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SPORTS

Elba, Brantley and Enterprise are all ranked in "Sportswriters" prep poll

The Alabama Sportswriters Association released its "Pre-Season" high school football standings last week and included among the teams making the pre-season Top 10 in the various classes were Enterprise, Greenville, Pike County, Daleville, T.R. Miller, Elba, Brantley, Georgiana, Goshen and Arton.

Elba Tigers not included in preseason "Coaches" poll

The Montgomery Advertiser released its first ever "Coaches Poll" for high school football teams recently and included among the pre-season favorites in the state's six classes were Robert E. Lee (6A), Oxford (5A), Daleville (4A), Colbert County (3A), Hazlewood (2A) and Courtland (1A).

The new high school poll, sponsored by the Advertiser sports staff, is based upon voting from coaches throughout the state, with every coach in the state having a vote on teams in their respective classifications.

Following are complete pre-season rankings, as chosen by the coaches, along with last season's final record:

CLASS 6A
1. Robert E. Lee (10-1)
2. Central, Phenix City (14-1)
3. Enterprise (10-4)
4. Shades Valley (11-2)
5. West End (13-2)
6. Hoover (11-3)
7. Central, Tuscaloosa (6-4)
8. Vestavia Hills (10-3)
9. John Shaw (10-2)
10. Hewitt-Trussville (9-3)

CLASS 5A
1. Oxford (14-0)
2. Greenville (13-2)
3. Blount (9-2)
4. Etowah (12-2)
5. Escambia County (10-3)
6. Russellville (7-3)
7. Stanhope Elmore (9-2)
8. Chehaw County (11-3)
9. Fayette County (10-3)
10. Athens (8-3)

CLASS 4A
1. Daleville (12-2)
2. Pike County (11-3)
3. T.R. Miller (9-4)
4. Midfield (10-2)

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The poll, voted on by sportswriters from across the state, will be published weekly during the season. The Robert E. Lee Generals hold their usual pre-season spot atop the 6A ranks, while Enterprise, the team that knocked the Generals out of the playoffs last season, are highly ranked at #4.

Defending champ Oxford and 1993 runner-up Greenville are ranked 1-2 in Class 5A, while in 4A, Area rivals Pike County and Daleville are listed atop the standings. T.R. Miller and W.S. Neal are also highly ranked, coming in at #3 and #6, respectively.

Defending champ Colbert County sits atop the 3A poll, with Southern Choctaw second, while Elba made the poll at #9.

In the 2A ranks Hazlewood is atop the standings, as always, while defending 1A champ Brantley, now a 2A club, is ranked 4th, Georgiana 5th and Goshen 10th.

Courtland sits atop the 1A polls, with Arton coming in high at #4. Following are complete pre-season rankings in all six classes:

CLASS 6A
1. Robert E. Lee
2. Central, Phenix City
3. West End
4. Enterprise
5. Shades Valley
6. Hoover
7. Decatur
8. Central, Tuscaloosa
9. Vestavia Hills
10. Shaw, Mobile

CLASS 5A
1. Oxford
2. Etowah
3. Greenville
4. Choctaw County
5. North Jackson
6. Blount
7. Escambia County
8. Russellville
9. Fayette County
10. Valley

CLASS 4A
1. Hazlewood (12-3)
2. St. Clair County (15-0)
3. Georgiana (12-1)
4. Leroy (13-1)
5. Hatton (10-3)
6. Hale County (10-3)
7. Trinity (10-2)
8. Brantley (15-0)
9. Geneva County (8-4)
10. Goshen (9-3)

Area schools also receiving votes included Flomaton, Samson and Florida.

CLASS 3A
1. Courtland (10-1)
2. Notasulga (10-2)
3. West Jefferson (11-4)
4. Arton (10-3)
5. Billingsley (8-4)
6. Carrollton (9-3)
7. Talladega Co. Central (10-3)
8. Cedar Bluff (9-3)
9. Meek (9-4)
10. Parrish (7-4)

Area schools also receiving votes included Autaugaville, Sweet Water, J.U. Blacksher and Frisco City.

The method of selecting the site of the sectional tournaments has yet to be announced.

Following are "Sections" of local interest in the six classes:

CLASS 6A
(Southeast) Section 3 - Carroll, Montgomery Carver, Doolan, Enterprise, Jeff Davis, Northview, Lanier.

CLASS 5A
(Southeast) Section 3 - Andalusia, Charles Henderson, Eufula, Greenville, Opp, Russell County, Smiths.

Softball tournament set for Aug. 27

The Elba Cash & Carry softball team will sponsor a Men's Class C and Men's Class D softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

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years teaching experience and a master's degree.

The three aides hired are all certified teachers. There were 11 applications for these positions. Eight of the applicants were certified teachers. All three are Coffee County residents and did their student teaching in the Elba system and Pearce said they were highly qualified. The three are Laura Clark, Mandy Ham and Olivia Heath.

Flood disaster funds (FEMA) of

\$18 to \$20,000 were expected, Pearce said for flood damage and expenses of using the elementary school as a flood victim shelter. Board members were told of a \$75,000 to \$100,000 grant the school system could possibly get from the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He explained it was a 75-25 matching grant, which meant the schools would have to put up \$25,000 if the project cost was \$100,000.

The funds would be to repair damage to the campus from the July flooding. Pearce said the SCS grant would be better for the school than a FEMA grant because it would cover a broader view. It would also fund placing rocks in drainage ditches to control erosion by cutting the rapid flow of water.

No final decision was made. Pearce said they must wait on the final engineering by SCS before the total cost were known.

Summer school was very successful, both in the elementary school and the high school, board members were told.

Forty-eight students were involved in just the K-3 math and reading project. Pearce said a detailed report would be presented on to the board at a later meeting. He also said efforts were under way to add bus transportation next year to include more students in the summer school specialized instruction program.

RESCUE

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Department, Enterprise Police Department, city maintenance crews, Ft. Rucker Fire Department, Dothan Fire Department, Coffee County Highway Department.

Supporting personnel were from the Coffee County Sheriff's Depart-

ment, private contractors, the Red Cross, and many other volunteers. Anthony Cole, commander of the Enterprise Rescue Squad, stated that he was proud of how much help was on hand and also available during the rescue efforts.

Disaster Help

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) provided the following updates, effective August 16, 1994, on numbers of persons applying for federal/state disaster assistance at the Disaster Applications Center and through the TeleRegistration Center at 1-800-462-9029.

Also included is an update of the total funds approved for distribution, or already distributed as of 5:00 p.m., Tuesday.

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| Total Applications | 2,349 |
| Disaster Housing Assistance | \$2,493,963 |
| Individual & Family Grants | \$1,432,315 |
| SBA Loans | \$5,278,000 |

The deadline to apply for federal and state disaster assistance is Tuesday, September 6, 1994. An application can be made by calling 1-800-462-9029, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Anyone who has applied for assistance has questions should call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-525-0321. It operates seven days weekly from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Proceeds from this dance will be to a new student tutorial program to be started for area students.

The Recreation Center is located in the Jr. High wing of the old Elba high school.

Wiregrass Sergeants Major Association to meet

The Wiregrass Sergeants Major Association will hold their Annual Fall Picnic on September 10, 1994 at Lake Tholocow West Beach on Fort Rucker. The fun begins at 1:30 until 10 p.m. The menu includes catfish, hot dogs, hush puppies, sodas and tea. The cost is \$7.00 per family. New members are welcome. Call Paul Tobin, 598-1992 or Fred Slaves, 347-3122 (evenings), 255-5076 (daytime) for reservations. Please call no later than September 6 to make your reservation.

Parents of 7th graders as well as the students themselves are especially encouraged to come and participate in the 7th grade orientation program.

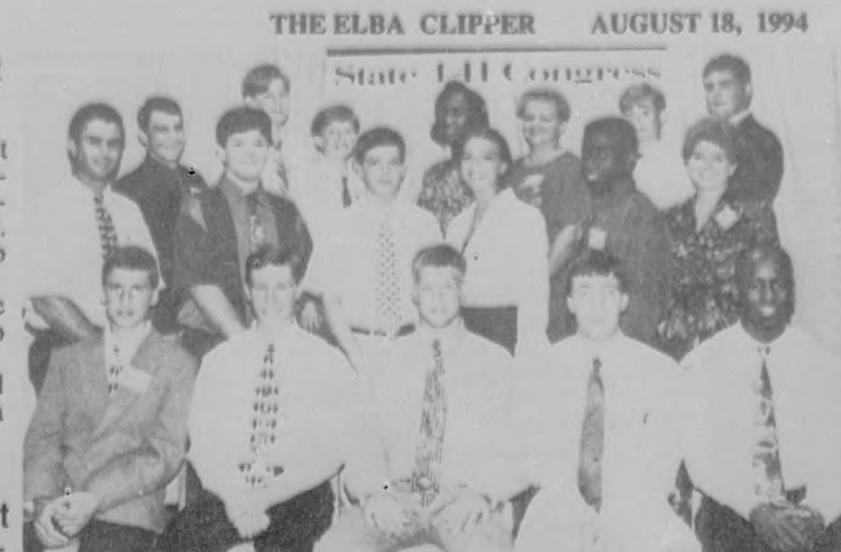
Elba High School to sponsor Parents' Night August 18th

Elba High School would like to invite parents of all high school students to Parents' Night on August 18, 1994 at the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Topics for discussion will include: 6 period day changes, new policies and procedures; question and answer opportunities.

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STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING...Coffee County team won first place in the Livestock Judging event at the 1994 State 4-H Congress held at Auburn University, July 26-28. Coffee County team members are (l to r) Amanda Britt, Matthew Farris, Jeremie Bryan, and Charlie Schieffer. Pictured with the winners is Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham (left) and Bob McGuire, an Extension animal scientist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service.



STATE 4-H CONGRESS...Coffee County was well represented at the State 4-H Congress (competition) held at Auburn University, July 26-28. Participants were: (seated, l to r) Matthew Farris, Elba; Charlie Schieffer, New Brockton; Charles Bozeman, Elba; Charles Michaels, Enterprise; Rueben Moguel, New Brockton; (standing, l to r) Stan Windham, County Agent; Justin Campbell, New Brockton; Mark Windham, New Brockton; Christa Parrish, Enterprise; Cornelius Burrows, New Brockton; Angela Hughes, County Agent; (back row, l to r) Brandon White, New Brockton; Paul McMonagle, New Brockton; Justin Hughes, New Brockton; Crystal Burrows, New Brockton; Bobbie Brown, volunteer leader; Justin Lambert, New Brockton; Jeremie Bryan, Kingston; Not pictured are Heath Hughes, New Brockton; Amanda Britt, Enterprise; and Susie Farris, volunteer leader.



STATE MEATS JUDGING WINNERS...Coffee County Meats Judging team won second place in the Meats Judging event at the 1994 State 4-H Congress held at Auburn University, July 26-28. Coffee County team members are (l to r) team coach Stan Windham, Coffee County Extension agent, Charles Bozeman, Mark Windham, Cornelius Burrows, and Rueben Moguel.

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ATTORNEYS: IT'S \$60,000 NOW OR AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT LATER - MUCH MORE

City of Elba - Mularz lawsuit settles at a cost of \$60,000 plus

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council, with the help of a battery of lawyers, has settled the wrongful firing lawsuit filed last October by Recreation Director Ricky Mularz. U. S. District Judge Harold Albright signed the court order ending the lawsuit on Tuesday, August 16th. Mularz returned to work as recreation director on Monday morning, August 22.

Mayor Ricky Haywood announced the settlement officially Monday night at the regular city council meeting. He explained to the press and others present the reason for making the settlement.

The case was discharged "with prejudice against all defendants" as long as they comply with the terms and conditions of the settlement. "With prejudice" means simply that this lawsuit is over forever and ever, if city officials respect the requirements of the settlement.

Settlement terms include payment of \$60,000 cash, with \$15,000 payable immediately and three more \$15,000 payments approximately 45

days apart. The court order calls for the checks to be made payable and delivered to Mularz's lawyer, John N. Pappanastos, of Montgomery. The final \$15,000 payment is due on January 10, 1995.

If any payment is late or not paid, the entire balance of the debt is due immediately, plus interest at 12% per year. As long as the city's payments on time, all interest payments are waived.

The judgement repayment plan, which is an official part of the settlement, includes the statement, "The Defendants acknowledge owing the Plaintiff the sum of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00).

The judgement calls for Mularz to be reinstated with all benefits which he would have accrued since being terminated by Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood on October 8, 1993. The city must reinstate sick leave and vacation which Mularz withdrew (was paid for) at the time of his termination.

Personnel records must show that Mularz was on leave of absence with pay for administrative purposes. They cannot include any suggestion of termination or disciplinary actions against him.

The order forbids city officials harassing or retaliating against Mularz in any manner. He must be reinstated as recreation director with the same rights, duties, privileges and responsibilities as before the 1993 termination. City officials cannot arbitrarily modify the job description, duties or facilities of the recreation director, or the structure of said department or in any event interfere with the proper performance of the duties of Mr. Mularz.

The order calls for annual written job performance "in a fair and objective manner."

If Mularz is required to employ an attorney to enforce any provision of the order, the City will be required to pay his attorney fees and all cost of enforcement.

Following the settlement, Mularz declined to respond directly to questions. He said, "All I ever wanted was to get my job back and to be treated fairly."

Hammering out the agreement before Judge Albright were four attorneys, two on each side of the question.

Alex Holtzford, Jr., of Montgomery, represented the City of Elba and the council members in their official capacity, while Horace G. Williams, of Etowah, representing Mayor Ricky Haywood in his official capacity. Both men were retained and will be paid by the city's insurance company.

Representing Mularz was John Pappanastos and George B. Azar, both of Montgomery.

Zion Chapel High has a new principal

On Tuesday, August 16, students returning to Zion Chapel High School from summer vacation were greeted by at least one new face.

Dr. Linda Ingram, ZCHS's new principal was on hand to meet them.

History was also made as Ingram assumed the duties of principal. She has the distinction of being the first woman to hold the position of principal (on a fulltime basis) at Zion Chapel.

Dr. Ingram is not a newcomer when it comes to serving as a high school principal. She was principal of Goshen High School for 11 years.

The Troy resident was born in Memphis, TN. She attended school in Georgia, North Alabama and later earned her BS degree for the University of Alabama.

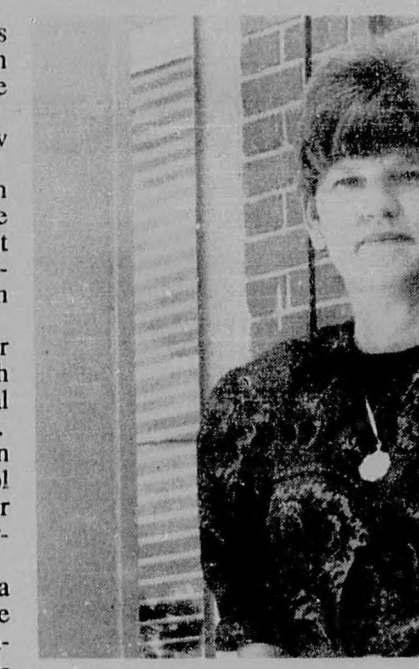
Her credentials also include a master's degree from Troy State University and a doctorate in educational leadership from Auburn University.

Dr. Ingram has been working in the educational field for nearly 20 years. She has been a teacher, an assistant principal, principal and a central office supervisor in the Pike County School System.

"I'm glad to be back in school!" said Dr. Ingram.

"Community involvement is an important factor in the success of a school and I believe that we have that here at Zion Chapel," she commented.

Dr. Ingram resides in Troy with her husband David. They have a daughter Margaret, age 7, and a son Michael, age 20.



DR. INGRAM LOOKS ON AS 1994-95 Z.C. STUDENTS ARRIVE

FLOOD WORK, ANIMAL CONTROL AND SENIOR DAY CARE DISCUSSED

County Commission awards bid for cell two at landfill

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Meetings of the Coffee County Commission seemed to be returning to "normal" Monday morning. Commissioners dealt with an agenda made up of more or less routine matters.

The first item of business was the awarding of the bid to construct the

second cell at the county's new Subtitle D landfill.

BEC/Allwaste Construction Company of Birmingham was tentatively awarded the contract providing all documentation, specifications and cost of the new cell could be a "little less" or "a little more."

The projected completion date of the second cell at the new landfill is December 1st. The projected life of this cell is late 1997 or early 1998.

Commissioners were informed by County Engineer Mark Pool that the Environmental Protection Agency had denied their request for an extension on the closing of the old landfill.

Pool, who has been working on the assumption that the extension would not be granted, told commissioners that he feels the deadline of October 9th will be met.

"We're going to get the old landfill closed out," Pool emphatically stated.

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time-clock started ticking on July 19, 1994.

Coffee County Sheriff Mickey Counts addressed the commission concerning the problem with animal control - mostly dogs - in rural portions of the county.

"I have received several calls about people who have let dogs run on other people's property and damage things such as boat piers," Counts stated.

Bottom line, Sheriff Counts suggested to the commissioners that the county needed some type of ordinance/law dealing with animal control. He read an example of such a law.

Members of the commission agreed to consider the measure but took no action.

A representative from Cross Trails Library, Max Hand, appeared before the commission asking that the consideration be given to increasing their budgeted amount to the library.

Hand gave the commissioners a brief overview of some of the plans he has for using the monies should they see fit to increase their contribution.

Commissioner Wendell Black

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same rights, duties, privileges and responsibilities as before the 1993 termination. City officials cannot arbitrarily modify the job description, duties or facilities of the recreation director, or the structure of said department or in any event interfere with the proper performance of the duties of Mr. Mularz.

The order calls for annual written job performance "in a fair and objective manner."

If Mularz is required to employ an attorney to enforce any provision of the order, the City will be required to pay his attorney fees and all cost of enforcement.

Following the settlement, Mularz declined to respond directly to questions. He said, "All I ever wanted was to get my job back and to be treated fairly."

Hammering out the agreement before Judge Albright were four attorneys, two on each side of the question.

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state funds were issued to set up the task force. This agreement only set guidelines for money and property found by the task force.

The chief has said he would like to purchase two new patrol cars with the funds. He added buying equipment for law enforcement is an approved use of the money.

Mayor Ricky Haywood commended the police department, particularly the third shift, for their excellent job last Friday night.

Friday night police responded to a disturbance at a dance being held at the club, in a renovated portion of the old Elba High School. A number of arrests have been made or are pending in this matter.

Council member Earl McCollough addressed the Friday night affair and asked several questions concerning the lease on the city owned property and the apparent fact that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on city property.

McCullough said, "The wet-dry vote held recently indicated a majority in Elba don't want alcohol served. Alcohol containers all around the building and the nearby church indicate they were drinking there."

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